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SUBJ: PAKISTAN/ BANGLADESH DEBT PROBLEM

REF: A. STATE 42426; B. ISLAMABAD 1853; C. STATE 4544

1. ARRIVAL REF A COINCIDED WITH APPOINTMENT EMBOFF HAD ARRANGED WITH YATABE, HEAD, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION (LOANS), ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU , FONOFF, AND GOJ REP AT RECENT PARIS TALKS, TO DISCUSS REF B AND OTHER MATTERS. EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT' S POSITION ON PAKISTANI AIDE- MEMOIRE TO HIM. YATABE SAID THAT FONOFF HAD NOT DEVELOPED ANY VIEWS ON THE AIDE- MEMOIRE SINCE IT ANTICIPATED FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH IQBAL
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HUSSEIN, GOP SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WHO ARRIVES IN TOKYO MARCH 10 FOR TWO DAYS' OF DISCUSSIONS. PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, HE WAS RECEPTIVE TO USG POSITION. ACCORDING YATABE, HUSSEIN WILL GO TO U. S. AND EUROPE FOR TALKS BEFORE COFSORTIUM MEETING MARCH 21-22 IN PARIS.

2. IN RESPECT ALLEGATION REPORTED REF B THAT GOJ AND BGD DISCUSSIN DIVISION OF PAKISTANI DEBT, YATABE SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT CORRECT. HE BELIEVED RUMOR MAY HAVE ORIGINATED FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN MEMBERS GBD EMBASSY HERE AND GOJ OFFICIALS ABOUT GOJ AID TO ON- GOING GOJ PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH. WHILE HE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION, GBD OFFICIALS HAD RAISED WITH GOJ OFFICIALS QUESTION OF LIABILITY FOR FUTURE DISBURSEMENTS OF EXISTING LOANS OR OF NEW LOANS TO ON- GOING PROJECTS.
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